(b) and (c) During the last three years, Government has taken the following, among other, measures to increase production, productivity and export earnings of the textile sector.

(i) Announcement of National Textile Policy, 2000 with a view to develop a strong and vibrant industry, capable of producing cloth of good quality at acceptable prices, contributing increasingly to the provision of sustainable employment and economic growth and competing with confidence for an increasing share of global market;

(ii) Launching of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to facilitate modernization and upgradation;

(iii) Launching of Cotton Technology Mission for improving quality and productivity of Indian Cotton;

(iv) Induction of 50,000 shuttleless looms and modernization of 2.5 lakh powerlooms in the decentralized sector by 2004;

(v) Announcement of the Textile Package in the Budgets of 2001-02 and 2002-03 to give a push to the development of textile sector. Announcing rationalization of tax structure aimed at faster growth of textile sector;

(vi) Launching of Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana for an integrated development of handloom sector;

(vii) Launching of a plan scheme titled Apparel Park for Export Scheme for imparting focused thrust of setting up of Apparel Manufacturing Units of international standards at potential growth centres. A provision of Rs. 14.5 crores has been made in the budget 2002-03 for providing assistance under this scheme;

(viii) Launching of a scheme for upgrading infrastructural facilities at important textile centers namely, 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme' (TCIDS). Rs. 15 crore has been earmarked for this scheme;

(ix) Launching of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasth Shilp Vikas Yojana focusing on a cluster approach to the development of handicrafts sector.

Pull Back of Troops

*135. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a reciprocal move on the part of the Pakistan Government to the Indian decision to pull back its troops from combat position;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the pull back does not compromise the defence and security needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) Intelligence inputs suggest that Pakistan has moved some of its troops back to peace time locations that are in close proximity of the operational locations. However, the strategic reserves of Pakistan Army continue to be located in the operational location. The pace of pulling back of the Armed Forces also indicates that Pakistan intends to undertake the process in a phased manner.

(c) The strategic relocation of troops by India is being carried out in a gradual manner without impairing the capacity to respond aggressively and decisively to any emergency and without lowering the vigil in Jammu and Kashmir.

Per Unit cost of Electricity

*136. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per unit cost of electricity, State-wise, Union Territory-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the cost of electricity per unit in the developing countries and developed countries; and

(c) the reasons for variations?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) The average tariff charged by the various utilities from domestic, commercial, agricultural/irrigation and industrial consumers is given in Statement I (*See* below)

(b) The details of cost of electricity in various countries including India are given in Statement II (See below)

(c) The cost of generation from various power projects in various countries is dependent on a variety of factors like type of project *viz.* Hydro, Thermal or Nuclear; cost of fuel; technology used, mode of financing, difference in the tax regime etc.